**Setting up of gas based power projects in Tripura**

*383. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:†
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the enormous gas reserves in Tripura, Government have decided to clear the setting up of gas-based power projects in that State;

(b) if so, the details of power projects; and

(c) what action is being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a) to (c) Three schemes, with a total capacity of 116 MW have been techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority, for installation of gas-based thermal power projects in the State of Tripura as per following details:—

(Rs. in crores)

| Name of the Project Capacity & District | Estimated Cost |
|---|---|
| *State Sector* | |
| 1. Gas Turbine Project Phase II at Rokhia—2x8 MW—16MW; . . | 34·88 |
| *District West Tripura* | |
| 2. Rokhia Gas Turbine Project Phase III—2x8 MW—16MW | 51·87 |
| *Central Sector* | |
| 1. Agartala Gas Turbine Station-4x21 MW—84MW (Ramachandranagar Site) | 273·50 |

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare.

Work in respect of these projects could start only after all formalities have been completed by the project authorities.

In addition, the following schemes for installation of gas-based thermal power projects in the State of Tripura have been received for techno-economic appraisal by the Central Electricity Authority:

[redacted] (Rs. in crores)

| Name of the Project and Capacity | Estimated Cost |
|---|---|
| *State Sector* | |
| 1. Baramura Waste Heat Plant—11MW . . | 31·28 |
| *Central Sector* | |
| 1. Gas Based GT Project Tripura, 500 MW . | 5 |

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Madam, it is so heartening that very great and urgent attention is paid to the sensitive areas of the North East portions of the country. I am vrey happy that activity has been generated by the Government in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura particularly. I am also happy that the Prime Minister himself has gone there and laid the foundation for the 84 mega watt gas-based power plant. I want to know this from the Minister who is himself a powerful Minister in terms of physical power, in terms of lung power and in terms of everything. Now I am asking him, how is he ensuring the timely execution of this project?

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Madam Deputy Chairman, the energy requirement of Tripura is 76.2 megawatt. Today the availability is 50.9 megawatt and the shortage is 25 megawatt. Two power

projects are there—Rokhia Gas Turbine having a capacity of 16 megawatt and Baramura Gas Turbine having a capacity of 16 megawatt. The total capacity comes to 32 megawatt. In order to meet the energy requirement of Tripura, the other day, the hon. Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of a project at Ramachandranagar in Agartala. This project is having a capacity of 84 megawatt and would be costing Rs. 273 crores. When this project will be executed, the energy shortage of Tripura will be overcome and there will be no problem of power in Tripura.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Madam, I have asked him about the timely execution of the project. He said, when it will be executed, there will be no shortage.

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## WELCOME TO RUSSIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have an announcement to make.

We have with us, seated in the Special Box, Members of a Parliamentary Delegation from the Russian Federation, currently on a visit to our country under the distinguished leadership of His Excellency, Mr. Ruslan Imranovich Khasbulatov, Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation, accompanied by hon. Mr. Leonid Vasilyevich Potapov, Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Buryatia, hon. Mr. Murtaza Gubaidullovich Rahimov, Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the Republic of Bashkortostan, hon. Mr. Agafonov, hon. Mr. Zhukov, hon. Mr. Mikailov and hon. Mr. Pastukhov.

On behalf of the Members of the House and on my own behalf, I take pleasure in extending a very hearty welcome to the Leader and other Members of the Delegation and wish our distinguished guests a very enjoyable and fruitful stay in our country. We hope that during their stay here they would be able to see and learn more about our Parliamentary system, our country and our people, and their visit to this country will further strengthen the friendly bonds that exist between India and the Russian Federation. Though them we convey our greetings and best wishes to the Members of the Supreme Soviet and the friendly people of the Russian Federation.

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## ORAL ANSWER TO QUESTIONS—

**Q. No. 383—** *Contd.*

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Madam, one of the deficiencies in that region is to get in sufficient number technical and trained

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would like to know from the hon. Minister as to what steps, including giving special allowances and incentives, to these engineers and other trained personnel the Ministry is going to take to see that there are adequate trained personnel available for these projects.

SHRI KALP NATH RAI: Madam Deputy Chairman, in order to meet the energy requirement of the north-eastern region, the NEEPCO has been constituted for the construction of different power plants. In Arunachal Pradesh, across the river Ranga, a 404 megawatt hydel project is under execution. 290 megawatt's capacity Kathalguri power project is under execution in Assam. A 100 megawatt Kopili power project is under execution. In Nagaland, Doyang river project is under execution. Now the problem of shortage of power in north-eastern areas will be solved the moment these projects are completed. The Government is taking all steps particularly in Tripura with a view to utilising the gas available in Tripura. A scheme with a total capacity of 116 megawatt has been taken up cleared by the CEA (Central Authority) and the Prime Minister is taking personal interest. He himself has gone to Tripura on the 4th July, and laid the fundation-stone of the 84 megawatt power station and this station will be completed within the time-schedule.